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Clarence Elwood Butts was one of his university's best customers. He had been there seven years. His wealthy father wanted to put him to work in his factory, but Clarence, who hated the prospect, evaded it by pretending to be weak and delicate. Finally a doctor's examination discovered his perfect health, at the same time that an outraged prohibition officer was looking for him to pay a reward for a black eye received in a cafe fight the night before. Clarence denied the officer's charge and played "sissy", but the doctor, in private, called him "the best liar I've ever known." However, the physician "kept mum", and finally advised working in a wild west show. Tickled at the prospect Clarence nevertheless had to go into it as a weakling to keep up the pretense. The leading woman of the show was "Calamity June", so called because she was a man-hater, carried a pair of wicked guns and used them and her temper when any man spoke to her. Clarence unfortunately didn't know this. He made the fatal mistake of flirting with her right off the bat. "Calamity June" stood for this with a steely eye, but she made a "sap" out of Clarence by riding a broncho that threw him. Undismayed by her hardness, he continued to "fuss" around her. On her birthday he gave her a pair of boxing gloves and sneaked outside the tent where he stood laughing. "Calamity June" stole up on his shadow inside the tent, wearing the gloves, knocked him out through the tent wall, then rushed outside and completed the job.

Unwilling to hit her, he suffered the ignominy of being knocked down five times. The manager of the show cursed him for being a trouble maker. Clarence added to the consternation of the general staff by licking a man about twice his size. There came a day when, just before the show started, "Calamity June" sat on a barrel. Clarence tipped a "bum" five dollars to give the barrel a kick. It was highly successful. "Calamity June" started firing and the crowd went crazy. "The bum" fell in agony. "Calamity" ran to her horse and was gone like a flash. Into his speedster went Clarence and after her with the speed demon on top. He had sworn to make her eat out of his hand, literally. Jerking her from her horse as he went by her, he carried the woman many miles faster than the speedometer could tell. "Calamity June", up against a real, reckless speed demon, whimpered and begged for mercy--then suddenly an "S" in the road at sixty five -- and the car smashed at the bottom of a hill. What then happened completes the story of a tame man and how he made a "wild woman" eat out of his hand.

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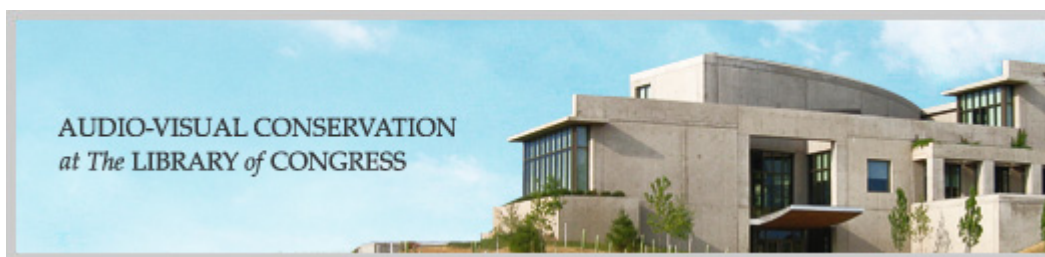
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